

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 441 - HB 1669

March 3, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (DMHDD) to maintain a 24-hour, seven days a week toll-free telephone number for access to mental health crisis services which include telephone and walk-in triage screenings, telephone and mobile face to face crisis assessment, intervention, and follow-up, and access to respite and crisis stabilization units.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$584,500/One-Time
\$3,967,900/Recurring**

Assumptions:

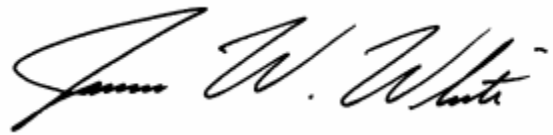
- DMHDD currently supports adequate crisis phone services to comply with the bill.
- DMHDD estimates that one crisis stabilization unit (CSU) will be needed in southern Middle Tennessee to provide sufficient availability. Based on the budgets and start-up costs of the four new CSUs, DMHDD estimates an increase in recurring expenditures of \$827,300 and one-time expenditures of \$584,500 for start-up costs.
- DMHDD estimates two new walk-in centers will be needed to provide adequate coverage throughout the state. The average operational cost of one walk-in center is \$190,500. Two new centers will result in an increase in expenditures of \$381,000 (\$190,500 x 2).
- According to DMHDD, there are 14 partially supported mobile crisis teams statewide which should be adequate to provide the required services.
- Currently, DMHDD only supports two respite programs. The Department estimates that an additional six respite programs at a total cost of \$628,000 would be needed to provide sufficient availability.
- According to DMHDD, 20 percent of the estimated clientele will be uninsured and will receive services at a cost to DMHDD. Based on costs and utilization rates for the uninsured in FY05-06 actuarial information, the Department projects the costs to provide required services to the

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uninsured population will be at least \$1,753,500 for crisis stabilization services and \$378,100 for mobile crisis services.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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